

Family Bonding and Spirituality during the Coronavirus in Renton, Washington

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We live near Seattle, where the first case of the coronavirus in the U.S. was detected. Public schools are shut down for at least the next two months, so our 14-year-old daughter is at home with us. My wife works at two Japanese restaurants and one of them closed, while the other one is only open for takeout. And I've had a big project delayed as a home-repair business contractor.

Despite that, it's awesome that my family sees so much of each other every day now. We watch a lot of movies together, and we've watched the live Sunday service broadcast in New York City. I encourage everyone to also watch it. We have already been brainstorming and preparing online Sunday service content in our own community. This could be a change not just economically in society, but also within the Unificationist movement. We always try to see the positive, brighter side of things. But at the same time, we are concerned about the spiritual health of our communities, especially when we think about the upcoming summer programs for our youth which may not happen now.

This time has allowed us to think beyond ourselves and more about our community as a whole. I think God was really protecting our greater Unificationist family, because the coronavirus crisis didn't take off globally until after the 2020 World Summit. I think right now is a great opportunity to create eternal memories together and to help each other. What you do for people in moments of crisis means so much more; a little act of kindness goes a long way in this current climate.